

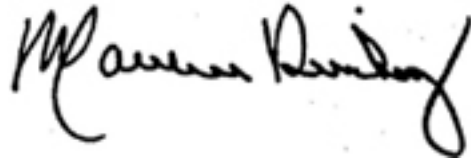
Email Charge, Bill 602P, Is Just A Rumor!

Thank you for contacting me regarding the U.S. Postal Service e-mail surcharge, also known as bill 602P. A great deal of misinformation is circulating in the media and on the Internet, both in the U.S. and in Canada, about these alleged surcharges. I wanted to take this opportunity to clear up the rumors.

The rumor that the U.S. government is planning to impose a 5-cent surcharge on all e-mail messages is completely false. The U.S. Postal Service has no authority under the law to impose charges on electronic mail messages. Currently, there are no proposals by any agency of the government to impose such a surcharge in the foreseeable future. For further information, you can visit the U.S. Postal Service's web site at www.usps.gov.

Please pass this information on to your friends and family, so that we can end this rumor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maurice D. Hinchey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Maurice" and last name "Hinchey" clearly distinguishable.

Maurice D. Hinchey
Member of Congress